

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES

February 7, 2008
10:00 a.m. (32minutes 51seconds)

Attending: Chairman: Alan Dayton, Commissioners: Rich Montanez and Ty McCartney, Secretary: Bill Colbert and guest, Mike Stidham.

Alan called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Bill submitted minutes from September 14 and October 9, 2007 for approval. *Rich made the motion to approve the minutes. No discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comments

Mike Stidham is concerned with steroid sales and use. He would like to see random steroid testing in Utah. Nevada tests randomly anyone who is licensed whether they are fighting or not. Bill contacted a state contracted lab regarding test prices. The test is a \$65 urine test. Commissioners feel random steroid testing is a good idea.

The human growth hormone cannot be tested for but investigation can reveal its use.

Bill is ordering some urine testing for random drug testing as back ups for inconclusive oral testing.

Mike Stidham is trying to get some help promoting a boxing event (sponsorships, connections, etc.) Two brothers have been training in his gym for some time and have champion potential and could pull in a large crowd. Bill suggested that Mike talk with either the Fullmer's or Rick Montoya.

Schedule of Events

*UCE weigh-ins will be held the Friday before scheduled events at 5:00 p.m. at Five Monkeys unless otherwise specified.

MMA – UCE: Saturday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. – Club Elevate 155 W. 200 S., SLC
Saturday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. – Club Elevate 155 W. 200 S., SLC
Saturday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. – Club Elevate 155 W. 200 S., SLC
*See February 22nd weigh-in information below

Request to Sanction Following Events

MMA – UCE: Friday, February 22nd at 8:00 p.m. - Salt Lake Community College West Jordan Campus 3491 W. 9000 S. (participants 18 to under 21 years old)

*Weigh-ins will be the same night at the campus for events Friday, February 22nd and Saturday, February 23rd

Saturday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. – Club Elevate 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Saturday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. – Club Elevate 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Saturday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. – Club Elevate 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. – McKay Event Center, 800 W.

University Parkway, Orem (participants 18 to under 21 years old)

*Weigh-ins will be held the Friday night before - venue TBA

Saturday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. – Club Elevate 155 W. 200 S. SLC

Bill announced there are no boxing events scheduled; however two promoters have sent in their applications (one from Washington and one from Moab).

Rich made the motion to approve the above listed events. Ty seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.

Rule Change

Proposed Rule Change – R859-1-302 – License Renewal (renew licenses 1 year after issuance).

Ty made a motion to release this change for public comment and to schedule a public hearing.

Proposed Rule Change – R859-1-901 – White Collar Contests (to mandate that participants in a white collar contest be at least 18 years of age).

Rich Montanez is concerned that there are no weight divisions in White Collar Contests and that men and women can fight one another. Alan asked Bill to find out what would be a rational way to define weight classes in White Collar Contests and also address the gender concern.

Ty made a motion to approve the White Collar Contest participant age change and release this change for public comment and to schedule a public hearing. Rich seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update

There will not be any legislation on White Collar Contests this year.

There is some movement to provide additional funding to the Commission to support the increase in activities and possibly hire a part-time assistant. Possibly up to \$100,000.

Open Discussion

Rich Montanez made a motion for the commission to give Bill approval to send himself and the commissioners to the ABC Convention in July. Bill will give the commissioners details. The Conference is in Canada and travelers will need to have a passport. Some agenda items are a national MMA registry and same day weigh-ins. Rich feels it would be a good time to look at insurance requirements of other commissions as well.

Next meeting will be held Monday, March 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Alan made a motion to adjourn. No discussion took place. Rich Montanez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.